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Re: Public Records Request 19-121

Dear Ms. Sasani:

On July 5, 2019 this Office received your request under the Public Records Law for "all email and written correspondence, between January 2014 and January 2018, between [ADA] David Solet and the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts regarding the subject of 'Countering Violent Extremism.'"

A search of ADA Solet's email account and archived emails for the period requested yielded three emails and one attachment responsive to your request. In conducting our search, we included variations on the requested terms, including "CVE," "PEACE Grant," "Countering Violent Extremism," "Confronting Violent Extremism," and "Challenging Violent Extremism." The resulting records have been included along with this response in .pdf format.

We believe that the three emails and one attachment provided are the only records in this Office's possession responsive to your request. ADA Solet is not aware of any written correspondence with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts concerning the subject of "Countering Violent Extremism," and a search of our records did not reveal any such correspondence.

Under the Public Records statute, a record holder's duty to comply with requests for information extends only to those records that exist and are in its custody. See G. L. c. 4, § 7(26) (defining "public records" as those non-exempt materials made or received by a public employee); see also 950 C.M.R. 32.03 (defining "custodian" as the public employee with routine access to or control of public records).

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Please note that the records provided contain information which remains exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (c) (personal privacy) of the Public Records statute. G.L. c. 4, § 7(26). Specifically, the records you requested contain phone numbers, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. These phone numbers have been redacted under exemption (c).

The law requires that this Office advise you that you may appeal this Office's decision within ninety days by writing to the Supervisor of Public Records, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108. In your appeal, you should include copies of all correspondence related to your request.

Sincerely,

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